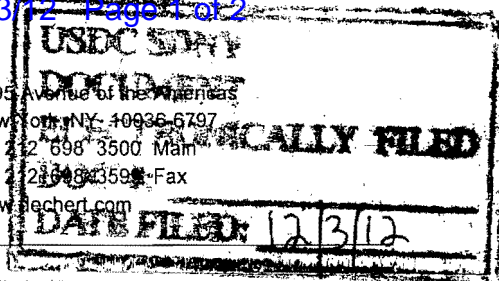


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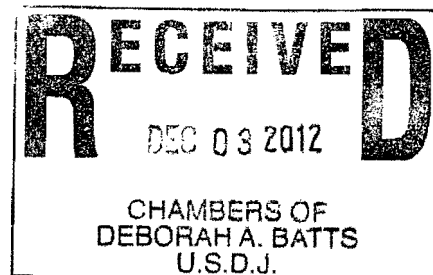
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The Honorable Deborah A. Batts  
United States District Court  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
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New York, New York 10007-2512



Re: *In re J. Ezra Merkin and SDO Seidman Securities Litigation*, C.A. No. 08-Civ-10922  
*Croscill Inc., et al. v. Gabriel Capital, L.P., et al.*, C.A. No. 09-Civ-6031  
*Morris Fuchs Holdings, LLC v. Gabriel Capital, L.P., et al.*, C.A. No. 09-Civ-6483

Dear Judge Batts:

We represent Defendants J. Ezra Merkin and Gabriel Capital Corporation (the "Merkin Defendants") in the above-captioned matters. In accordance with the Court's prior Orders, we write to provide an update to our October 26, 2012, letter concerning the status of the related state-court action brought against the Merkin Defendants by the New York Attorney General and the related federal-court action by the SIPC Trustee of the Madoff estate to enjoin the settlement of the NYAG action.

Judge Rakoff heard oral argument on the motion to withdraw the reference to the bankruptcy court of the SIPC Trustee stay action on November 19, 2012, and has advised the parties that he intends to rule on that motion by December 31, 2012. Following a decision on the motion to withdraw the reference, we anticipate that briefing on the merits of the SIPC Trustee's motion for a preliminary injunction will be completed within a few weeks. And the parties still anticipate that consummation of the settlement in the NYAG action is likely to resolve Plaintiffs' claims against the Merkin Defendants in this action.

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Accordingly, rather than burden the Court with unnecessary supplemental briefing, we respectfully request that the deadline to submit the supplemental brief pursuant to the September 10 Order be further extended to February 15, 2013, and that the parties update the Court as to the

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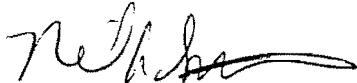
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[status of the related NYAG action on or before February 8, 2012.] Counsel for the other parties have advised that they do not object to the proposed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

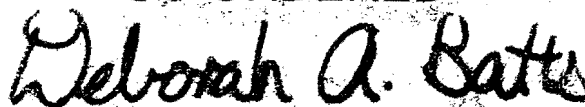


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cc: All Counsel of Record (via email)

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SO ORDERED



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